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SUBJECT: AMMUNITION FOR F-5 S

REF: A. JIDDA 1222; B. TEHRAN 2015; C. STATE 59552

1. USMTM HAS SUGGESTED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIONS TO
ITEMS LISTED JIDDA 1222 59 TO INSURE ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS:

A. ITEM 6 SHOULD READ "500 LB BOMB: MK28 SNAKEYE I,
COMPLETE WITH MK15 SERIES FINS AND LUNG."

B. ITEM 7 A SHOULD READ "25 LB BOMB (TRAINING): BDU-33
(COMPLETE WITH SPOTTING CHARGE, TUBE, SAFETY PIN, FIRING PIN,
863-1 CARTRIDGE AND LUGS)."

C. ITEM 8 L SHOULD READ ATO UNIT (COMPLETE). CONSISTS OF THE
ATO RACK FOR F-5, 4 EA ATO BOTTLES (1340 NSL-15 KS-1000) AND
M165 IGNITER PER RACK AND 1 EA EXPLOSIVE BOLT PER RACK.

D. ADD ITEM 8 P ADAPTER BOOSTER BOMB NOSE M-148, QTY 2850 EA.

E. ADD ITEM 8 Q ADAPTER BOOSTER BOMB TAIL M-147, QTY 2550 EA.

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2. MUNITIONS LISTED IN REF A ARE THE SAME AS THOSE SHOWN IN FMS CASES SR- AAK AND SR- AAN EXCEPT THAT REF A SHOWS A FEW ITEMS NOT IN THE TWO LETTERS OF OFFER. HOWEVER, QUANTITIES ARE TO BE CONSIDERED ADDITIVE TO THE TWO LETTERS. WE SUGGEST USING FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THESE TWO CASES TO PERMIT IMMEDIATE AIR SHIPMENT. THESE IMMEDIATE SHIPMENTS CAN LATER BE ADDED TO AAK AND AAN BY AN AMENDMENT. MORE THAN ADEQUATE FUNDS ARE CONTAINED IN THESE CURRENT CASES TO COVER ALL REQUIREMENTS LISTED IN REF A.

3. MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WAS INFORMED IN MARCH 1973 OF US POLICY REGARDING NAPALM AND CBU TYPE MUNITIONS. HOWEVER, IN CONVERSATION APR 1 WITH VICE MINDEFENSE, HE REQUESTED CHIEF OF AIR FORCE SECTION RECONSIDER THIS DECISION. WE WILL FIND EARLY OPPORTUNITY EXPLAIN ONCE AGAIN TO PRINCE TURKI REASONS FOR OUR POSITION.

4. AUG/ SEPT 1973 DELIVERY DATES FOR 2.75 ROCKET MOTORS FROM BELGIUM WILL COME AS SEVERE DISAPPOINTMENT TO SAUDIS. COULD NOT IMPORTANT QUANTITIES OF ENTIRE ROCKETS, INCLUDING MOTORS, BE MADE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY FROM USAF INVENTORY? THERE NO QUESTION SAUDIS WOULD MAKE FUNDS PROMPTLY AVAILABLE AND THAT APPROPRIATE SALES CASE COULD BE PREPARED AND FORWARDED AT EARLY DATE.

5. SINCE SPECIFIC MOBILE RADAR RECOMMENDED BY USAF SURVEY TEAM WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR 10-12 MONTHS, COULD SIMILAR SYSTEM SUCH AS AN/ GPS-11 BE PROVIDED ON INTERIM LOAN BASIS ASAP? TAFT TEAM SHOULD THEN BE PROVIDED TO COMMENCE TRAINING OF SAUDIS WHICH IS ESTIMATED TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS.

6 . NORTHROP INFORMS US IT HAS MANPOWER PROVIDE A LOADING AND TURNAROUND CAPABILITY AT KHAMIS MUSHAYT. HOWEVER, COMPANY BELIEVES PERSONNEL INVOLVED WOULD HAVE TO BE VOLUNTEERS AND HOW THEY CAN BE FOUND REMAINS UNKNOWN QUANTITY. THEIR DISPATCH TO KHAMIS MUSHAYT WOULD TO SOME EXTENT COMPROMISE OBJECTIVES OF PEACE HAWK PROGRAM. SAUDIS WOULD HAVE TO BE INFORMED, MOREOVER, OF EXTRA COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REMOTE OPERATION OF THIS
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TYPE (BUT BELIEVE SAUDIS WOULD BE WILLING TO ASSUME SUCH COSTS). HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF CURRENT LIMITATIONS OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS, DEPLOYMENT OF NORTHROP ASSETS TO

KHAMIS COULD BE UNDERTAKEN ONLY WITH SPECIFIC DOD APPROVAL AND THAT OF NORTHROP CORPORATE OFFICIALS. WE REQUESTING NORTHROP OFFICIALS HERE CONTINUE CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE MOVE TO KM.

7. DEPUTY MINDEFENSE PRINCE TURKI HAS IN LAST THREE DAYS TWICE ASKED CHIEF OF USAF TRAINING GROUP IN RIYADH INFORM HIM OF PROGRESS IN USG EFFORTS EXPEDITE MUNITIONS DELIVERIES AND EXPRESSED HOPE HE MIGHT HAVE ANSWER BY THURSDAY APR 5. PRINCE TURKI HAS ASKED ANSWER BE DELIVERED TO HIM REGARDLESS OF TIME OF DAY RECEIVED.

8. WE RECOGNIZE FORMALITIES SUCH AS PROVISION OF PROPER LETTERS OF OFFER, FIRM ASSURANCES OF FUNDING AND OTHER STEPS MUST BE CARRIED OUT. ON OTHER HAND, WE WOULD HOPE EMERGENCY PLANNING MIGHT MOVE FORWARD PROMPTLY ESTABLISH LOCATION OF REQUESTED MUNITIONS, THEIR AVAILABILITY AND BEST MEANS OF GETTING THEM TO SAUDI ARABIA.

9. REGARDING POSSIBILITY SECURING ITEMS FROM IRAN, WOULD IT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR DATT TEHRAN OR SENIOR USMTM OFFICERS MAKE INITIAL APPROACH TO IRANIANS DETERMINE EXTENT GOI MIGHT BE PREPARED RELEASE MUNITIONS DESIRED, EVEN IF ONLY IN MODERATE QUANTITIES? SAUDIS COULD SEND SENIOR OFFICER TO TEHRAN WORK WITH OUR DATT OR USMTM IN APPROACH TO GOI, AND IF NECESSARY USMTM OFFICER FROM HERE MIGHT ACCOMPANY. COULD NOT USAF GIVE MORE POSITIVE ASSURANCE OF WILLINGNESS REPLACE ITEMS DRAWN FROM IRANIAN STOCKS THAN SIMPLE ASSERTION MAKE AVAILABLE " IN PRINCIPLE"?

10. WE AWARE THAT IN SOME INSTANCES IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE MEET PROMPTLY SAUDI REQUEST FOR FULL QUANTITIES SPECIFIED. IMPORTANT ASPECT IS, HOWEVER, THAT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW WE ANXIOUS MAKE SOME PROMPT SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TOWARD ESTABLISHING F-5 B' S AS EFFECTIVE COMBAT WEAPON IN NEAR FUTURE.
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